



Dear campus colleagues,

Thank you for choosing to present the **IEE “Bulletin Board in a Bag”**: **Black History** in your area this **February**!

In this packet, and any attached documents, you will find everything you need to begin a great bulletin board.

### **How to use**

We’ve provided several flyer-sized pages of information, intended to get your board started; researching and adding additional information that would be of most interest to your particular residents (relevant communities in their home states/nations, campus/community activities that appeal to their majors and hobbies) can help expand the board and improve its impact.

For the most part, the Board is just print and post ready. Many of the sheets are designed so that you can put one on top of the other and residents can “flip” them to read more (Ex. the Hinduism sheet stapled on top of the facts about Hindusim). If we had it available at the time of publication, we’ve also included or attached information about campus/community events observing this month, that you can post as well. If there aren’t any, you can check the Campus Life and IEE website ([www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/](http://www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/)) to see what events they have scheduled, and add them to your Board. And, consider making attending one of these events a program for your floor!

### **Feedback**

To help us know where our boards have been, and how residents have responded to them, please email us ([igr@du.edu](mailto:igr@du.edu)) any/all of the following:

- Your name, hall and floor where the board is posted
- A photo or two of the board up on your floor
- A brief description of any reaction/feedback the board generated on your floor community,
- And any feedback you have about this board or ideas for other Inclusive Excellence-related identities/issues/observances we could provide for the future.

(And in the unfortunate event there’s any defacement or other negative reaction to the board, please follow your hall’s reporting procedures, and let us know.)

THANKS for sharing this important, and interesting, info with your residents!

Sincerely,

Inclusion and Equity Education

[www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/](http://www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/)

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# When did Black History Month originate?

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



# 2018 Black History Month Theme

The 2018 theme, *African Americans in Times of War*, commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. The First World War was initially termed by many as “The Great War,” “The War to End All Wars,” and the war “to make the world safe for democracy.”

This is a theme filled with paradoxes of valor and defeat, of civil rights opportunities and setbacks, of struggles abroad and at home, of artistic creativity and repression, and of catastrophic loss of life and the righteous hope for peace.

<https://asalh.org/african-americans-in-times-of-war/>



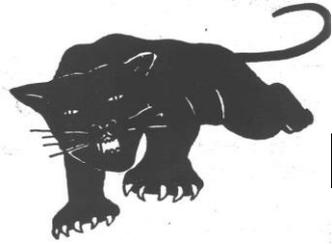
# What were some major advances in The Civil Rights Movement?

**MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT** → Martin Luther King Jr. organized this bus boycott of 1955, which began a chain reaction of similar boycotts throughout the South. In 1956, the Supreme Court voted to end segregated busing.

**THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON** → On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 Americans gathered in Washington, D.C., for a political rally known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Organized by a number of civil rights and religious groups, the event was designed to shed light on the political and social challenges African Americans continued to face across the country. The march, which became a key moment in the growing struggle for civil rights in the United States, culminated in Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, a spirited call for racial justice and equality.

[www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement)





# Is The Civil Rights Movement Over?



Despite the civil rights gains of the 1960s, racial discrimination and repression remained a significant factor in American life. Even after President Johnson declared a war on poverty and King initiated a Poor People's Campaign in 1968, the distribution of the nation's wealth and income moved toward greater inequality during the 1970s and 1980s. Civil rights advocates acknowledged that desegregation had not brought significant improvements in the lives of poor blacks, but they were divided over the future direction of black advancement efforts. To a large degree, moreover, many of the civil rights efforts of the 1970s and 1980s were devoted to defending previous gains or strengthening enforcement mechanisms.

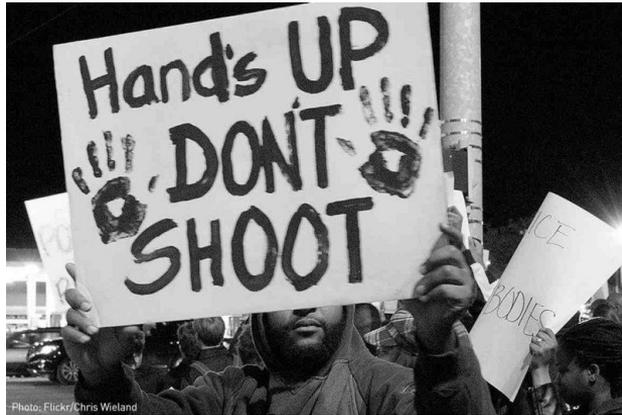
The modern African-American civil rights movement, like similar movements earlier, had transformed American democracy. It also served as a model for other group advancement and group pride efforts involving women, students, Chicanos, LGBTIQ+, the elderly, and many others. Continuing controversies regarding affirmative action programs and compensatory remedies for historically rooted patterns of discrimination were aspects of more fundamental, ongoing debates about the boundaries of individual freedom, the role of government, and alternative concepts of social justice.

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# The Civil Rights Movement continues today with the Black Lives Matter movement



Images obtained from Google images



# What is the Black Lives Matter Movement?

Black Lives Matter is a chapter-based national organization working for the validity of Black life. We are working to (re)build the Black liberation movement.

**This is Not a Moment, but a Movement.**

#BlackLivesMatter was created in 2012 after Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted for his crime, and dead 17-year old Trayvon was posthumously placed on trial for his own murder. Rooted in the experiences of Black people in this country who actively resist our dehumanization, #BlackLivesMatter is a call to action and a response to the virulent anti-Black racism that permeates our society. Black Lives Matter is a unique contribution that goes beyond extrajudicial killings of Black people by police and vigilantes.

[blacklivesmatter.com](http://blacklivesmatter.com)

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# ***Black-ish***

Want a relevant TV show that touches on social issues faced by Black communities today daily? Check out *Black-ish*!

*Black-ish* is a US sitcom that centers around a black family that lives in LA, California:

Dre Johnson (Anthony Anderson) has it all: a great job, a beautiful wife, Rainbow (Tracee Ellis Ross), four kids and a big home in a classy neighborhood, but as a black man, he begins to question whether all his success has brought too much cultural assimilation for his family.

With the help of his father (special guest star Laurence Fishburne), Dre begins to try to create a sense of ethnic identity for the members of his family that will allow them to honor their background while preparing them to embrace the future.



The series is available to stream on Hulu, and is currently in its 4th season on ABC, releasing new episodes every Tuesday night at 8PM MST.

# *This is Us*

Here's another relevant TV show that touches on, among other themes, the struggles that Black fathers face.

The series follows siblings Kate, Kevin and Randall as their lives intertwine. Kate and Kevin were originally part of a triplet pregnancy, conceived in the bathroom of Froggy's, a bar in downtown Pittsburgh, during Super Bowl XIV. Their due date was October 12, 1980, but they were born six weeks early on August 31; their biological brother was stillborn. Their parents, Jack (who also has an August 31st birthday) and Rebecca Pearson, having expected to bring home three babies, decide to adopt another newborn: Randall, a black child born the same day and brought to the same hospital after his biological father abandoned him at a fire station.

Episodes weave through the stories of the past and present of the characters, with most scenes taking place in 1980, 1989–1995, and the present day (2016–2018). Flashback scenes take place in Pittsburgh, while current scenes are typically split between Los Angeles, New Jersey, and New York City.



# ***Black Panther***

Another current media offering raising lots of expectations and discussions about representation in film is Marvel's *Black Panther*.

**Summary:** After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king -- and as Black Panther -- gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.

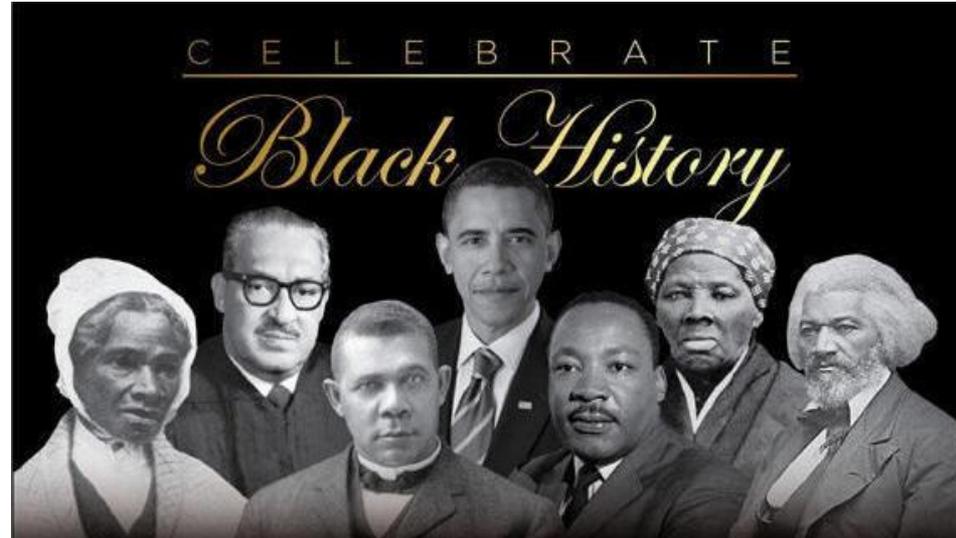
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_Panther\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Panther_(film))



# Let's Celebrate Black History!!!

Black History Month celebrates the accomplishments of the Black community and is a constant reminder of the progress that we are making as a society. It is also a reminder of all that still needs to be done; all the obstacles that are at times in the way of progress that still need to be overcome. Although our reality is sometimes a discouraging one as seen in these racial disparities in incarceration rates, the sky's the limit for how much more change we can implement in our society.

[www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)



# How can I get involved at DU?

## Black Student Alliance (BSA)

meets every Thursday at 6:30PM in the JMAC Classroom

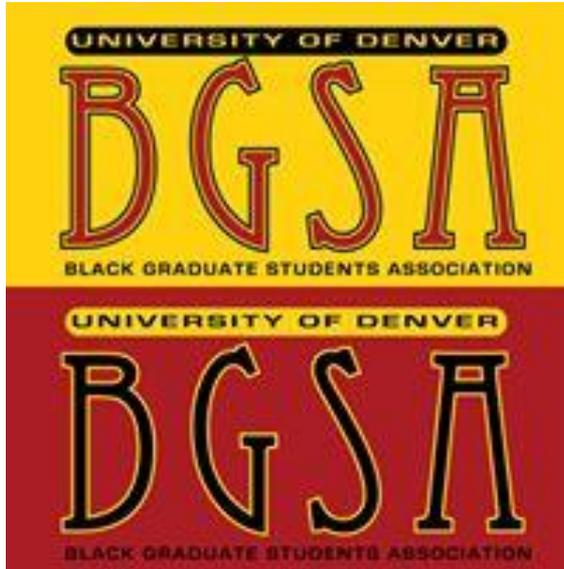
DU's Black Student Alliance is an organization dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and solidarity on campus. One of the organization's main focuses is to foster the personal development of the membership, and to encourage them to become active community contributors. Another goal is to provide a stable support system that the members can rely on. By building opportunities for internal and external collaborations, the Black Student Alliance has been able to make significant strides towards fulfilling its mission.

[www.facebook.com/groups/DUBSA/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/DUBSA/)



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DU Black Graduate Student Association  
(BGSAs) [www.facebook.com/BGSADU](http://www.facebook.com/BGSADU)



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**DU DialogUes**  
more than “just” talk...

DU event details and flyer available at

[www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/heritage-months/black-history.html](http://www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/heritage-months/black-history.html)